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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

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- This Request for Continued Examination is being filed prior to the earliest of:
  - (1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under § 1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or (3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.
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- ☐ \$385.00 small entity
- The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of two (2) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). The fee has been calculated as shown below:
  - NO extensions of time have been previously obtained in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$420.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.
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- The fee of \$130.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for suspension of action is enclosed.
- Enclosed is (are) check(s) in the total amount of \$1190.00 for the applicable filing fee, additional claims fee, suspension fee, and/or extension fees.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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